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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Education In Hongkong

**T**he Director of Education's comprehensive review of the Colony's education problems which he delivered earlier this week was as thoughtful-provoking as it was interesting. If he did not cover a great deal of new ground, he nevertheless succeeded in painting a very clear word picture of the progress which has been made in local education since the war and of the inescapable demands which will have to be met in the future. His figures showing the tremendous increase in the number of schools and scholars during the past five or six years were enlightening, but most will acknowledge that more important was his disclosure that the wide pre-war gap between the Chinese primary and middle schools and the Government and Grant-in-Aid scholastic institutions is in the process of being closed, with a definite trend towards a standardised curriculum conforming to the new conception of practical as well as academic training. In other days, as Mr Crozier emphasised, scholars in our local Chinese schools looked outward towards China and studies were largely based on the idea of pupils completing their education in the universities of the mainland. All this has very largely changed since the war, particularly in view of the new political situation. But obviously this involves the Hongkong education authorities in greater responsibilities. If the accomplished Chinese student cannot or prefers not to complete his higher studies in China, then the Colony is in bounden duty to provide him with the necessary facilities. This was very strongly recognised by the Kewick Committee and some of their more important recommendations were based on these new circumstances.

**T**he Chinese scholars who now depend on local facilities for their education the most important of the recommendations in the Kewick Report was that for the establishment of student courses at the Hongkong University through the medium of the Chinese language. Two distinguished educationists are now here to advise the University on the best way of tackling its urgent problems, but it is hoped that they will also be able to devote some attention to the Kewick Report and will be willing to offer their opinions on its main proposals. The Hongkong University has now become the natural and proper institution for our youthful Chinese with proper qualifications to complete their studies. But the mistake must not be made of confining facilities to those who possess only academic prowess and potentialities. Vocational training cannot be neglected if the greatest possible number of the Colony's youth are to receive the educational benefits to which they are entitled. These are big undertakings carrying with them the difficult problems of finance, classroom and equipment facilities, and adequate staffing. The Director of Education warns that meeting the demands of education must involve financial sacrifices on the part of the community. That is fully appreciated. Nevertheless when the time comes for additional calls to be made on the public purse strings, it is to be hoped that the burden will not be thrust on those who genuinely cannot afford to pay more, but will be spread over that part of the community who can, without hurt, bear the responsibility.

# GALE WINDS LIKELY TONIGHT

## Latest About Typhoon WORKERS ABLE TO GET HOME

Although Typhoon "Susan" is expected some time later today to pass about 60 miles south of the Colony, the Royal Observatory said this morning that office workers should be able to get home safely after 5 p.m., before any drastic effects of the gale are felt here.

At noon the Observatory issued the following statement: "There is little further information on Typhoon 'Susan.' At 9 a.m., the centre appeared to be situated about 160 miles southeast of Hongkong and was probably moving slowly WNW. On this track it is expected to pass within 60 miles to the south of the Colony during the night. Winds will freshen from the north and northeast and may reach gale force this evening, with rain at times."

The weather forecast until midnight is: fresh northerly winds, backing northeast, and reaching gale force later today with severe gusts. Cloudy with light rain setting towards the late afternoon and becoming moderate or heavy this evening.

## Death Of Mr Leonard Starbuck

Prominent, Popular H.K. Resident

News was received this morning by cable of the death in London of Mr Leonard Starbuck, Assistant Director of the Royal Observatory and a popular resident here for many years.

The late Mr Starbuck died the day before yesterday after a long illness which necessitated him being flown back to England on August 15.

He leaves a wife and three sons all of whom are in England. Known to his many friends here as "Len", Mr Starbuck took a great interest in Radio Hongkong and was a well-



The Late Mr Starbuck

known broadcaster. He was one of the broadcasting commentators at various functions held in honour of the Duchess of Kent when she visited Hongkong last October.

He was a keen Freemason and at the time of his death was Junior Warden, University Lodge, E.C., a member of University Chapter and Concordia Mark as well as being Ark Mariner and Knight Templar. Mr Starbuck was Vice Chairman of the Y.M.C.A.

Mr Starbuck prominently identified himself with the European YMCA from the time of his arrival in Hongkong 17 years ago, serving on a variety of committees. Since the war he has served on the Association's Board and has also been its vice-chairman. Mr Starbuck was born in 1911. He obtained a physics degree at the Nottingham University and worked as a scientist under the War Office for a short while before being

The No. 7 local typhoon signal, indicating the possibility of gales from the northeast, was hoisted at 6.50 this morning, and it was still up at noon.

At 7.15 a.m. the Royal Observatory issued a statement saying: "Typhoon Susan, which is small and intense, passed close to the south of Fanning Island soon after 3 a.m. 70 knot winds were reported there. The centre is now situated about 180 miles southeast of Hongkong, moving WNW at six knots. If it continues on its present course, it will pass within 60 miles to the south of the Colony tonight. Winds here will freshen steadily from north and northeast and are expected to reach gale force in the afternoon or evening."

At 9 a.m. little further information about the typhoon was available, but according to the Observatory, it appeared to be still moving on the same course at about six knots and there was no reason to alter the statement issued earlier.

Valuable three-hourly weather reports have been received by the Observatory from Frates weather station and from a number of ships in the China Sea. These have enabled the position of the typhoon to be located with considerable accuracy.

The daily routine of the Colony was little affected by the proximity of Typhoon "Susan" this morning, partly due to the fine weather, which the Observatory forecasts, will not last long. Calm seas enabled regular ferry services and a few small sampans and junks were still plying the harbour.

Some of the girls' schools sent their pupils home this morning, but most of the boys' school remained open.

## Revolutionaries Active In Shai

London, Sept. 16. Chinese security organs have arrested a group of "counter revolutionaries" who had made armed raids and incited street riots, according to a Tass official Soviet news agency message quoting reports from Shanghai tonight.

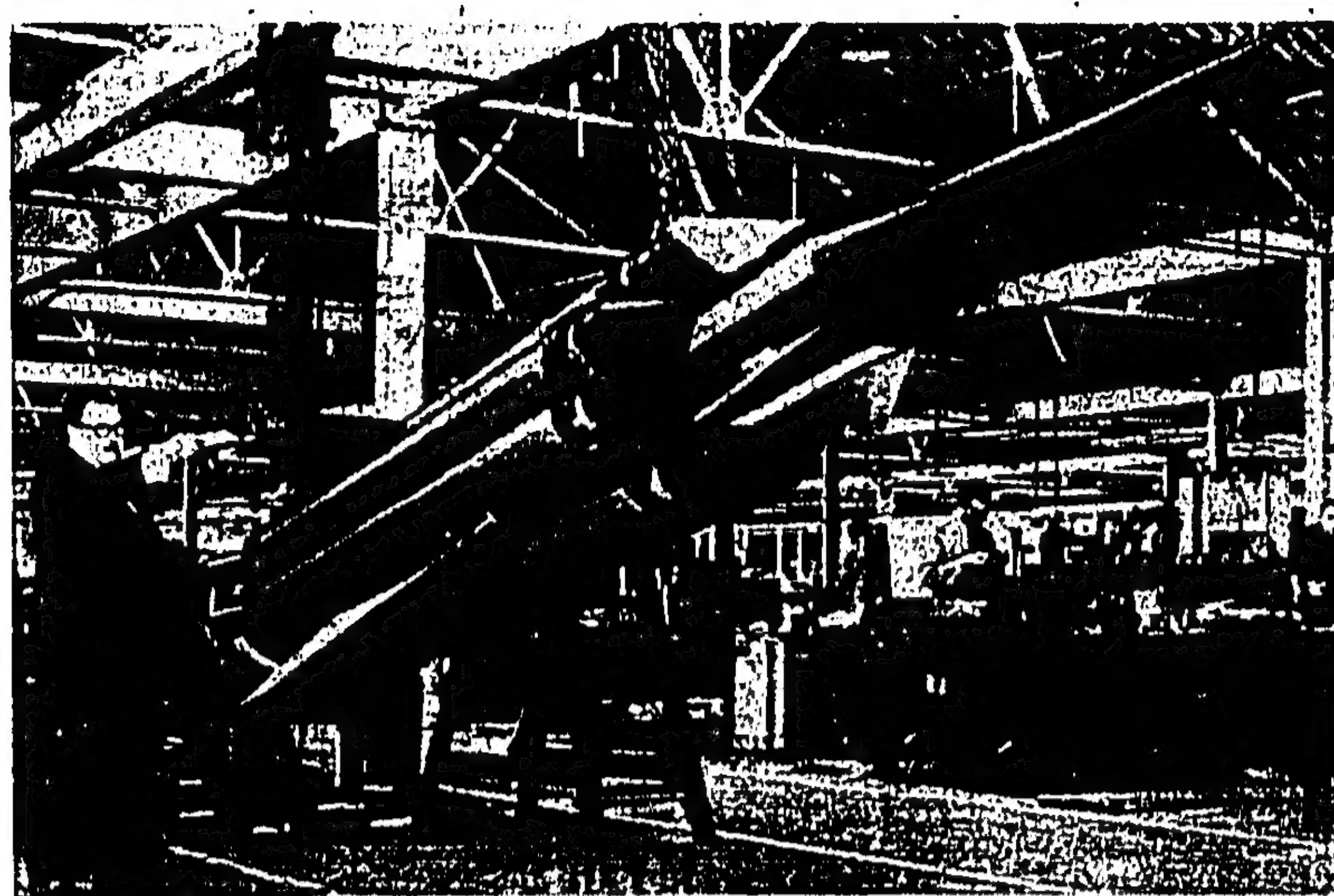
Tass said that the men had also distributed anti-Communist literature. One of them, Ma Wa-pang, was described as a scout from the "gang of Chiang Ching-kuo."

General Chiang, eldest son of the President of the Nationalist Chinese Government on Formosa, is chief of the Political Warfare Department of the Nationalist Defence Ministry.—Reuter.

## Rita Sets The Wedding Date

Las Vegas, Sept. 16. Prince Aly Khan's former wife, Rita Hayworth, and Argentine-born singer, Dick Haymes plan to marry on September 24, the day after the future bridegroom will have obtained his final divorce papers, it was learned here tonight.—France-Press.

## Britain's Rocket Of The Future



First picture of the British guided-missile rocket of the future, the super-sonic projectile whose speed and range are on the secret list. Around the rocket's main body is a ring of booster rockets. It was manufactured in Britain by Armstrong-Whitworth and was shown to the public for the first time at last week's Farnborough Air Show.—London Express.

## UN To Debate Subject Of Missing Prisoners Of War

New York, Sept. 16. The Steering Committee of the United Nations' General Assembly today defeated a Soviet attempt to delete from the agenda a proposed debate on Japanese, Italian and German prisoners of war, allegedly held by the Soviet Union.

The vote on this was 12 to 2 for admission to the agenda. The Committee recommended that the Assembly approve a list of 72 items for its agenda.

The Soviet Union stoutly opposed proposals looking towards a study of possible Charter revisions. In 1955, but the Steering Committee overrode its objections and voted by 12 to two to recommend their inclusion. Poland again voted with Russia.

Mr Jacob Malik, Soviet Ambassador in London and second-ranking member of the Soviet delegation to the General Assembly session, sat in place of Mr Andrei Vyshinsky at the Steering Committee meeting and did not say a word about Korea.

Other delegates had expected the Soviet delegation to bring up the issue of the composition of the Korean peace conference and possibly to demand that the whole question be reopened in the light of the Chinese Communist call for a broadening of the membership of the conference.

But apart from his observation against revision of the Charter and any consideration of the prisoner of war issue, Mr Malik remained quiet. The Steering Committee made no change in the provisional agenda and also formally approved the proposed allocations with the minor exception of the various items to the seven main committees of the Assembly.

## East German Police Army Mutiny, Report

Berlin, Sept. 16. Anti-Communist "Information Bureau West" said today that Russian troops and tanks had been called out to crush a mutiny by units of the East German Police Army.

The West Berlin agency said that seven Russian tanks and an undisciplined number of troops were rushed to a Police barracks in Muckenberg Province to crush a revolt by 2,000 members of the East German "People's Police", the nucleus of the East Zone Army.

One People's Police lieutenant was killed and several Police soldiers wounded when the East Germans rebelled against their Russian training officers at Pinnow Barracks, near Angermünde, the report added. Russian officers barricaded themselves inside a building and called for reinforcement, the Bureau added. Russian troops and tanks were rushed to the barracks and quelled the revolt. The cause of the mutiny was not disclosed.

At the same time, the Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland called for a purge of State enemies who opposed the East Zone Government in the June 17 troubles. The Party's Central Committee had ordered all local Communist cells to examine the conduct of all members during the June revolt, the newspaper added. Expulsions were reported from Party organizations in Wismar, Dessau and Merseburg.

## SOVIET OBJECTION

The General Assembly will meet at 2.30 p.m. GMT on Thursday to open its general debate with Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, expected to be the first speaker. The Assembly will consider the Steering Committee's recommendations regarding the agenda at its afternoon meeting beginning at 7 p.m. GMT.

In moving for deletion from the agenda of the proposed debate on prisoners of war still allegedly held by the Soviet Union, Mr Malik declared that the repatriation by the Soviets of Japanese, German and other prisoners of war had been completed long ago. Thus the inclusion of the item would only "unleash" new enmity.

Protesting against the inclusion of the item, Mr Malik said the question did not fall within the competence of the United Nations, and that consideration of it would be contrary to article 107 of the Charter.

He declared that a prisoner of war commission, which had been set up to consider the question, had occupied itself by gathering "slandrous" statements inimical to the Soviet Union.

## DELEGATE'S QUESTION

Sir Percy Spender, of Australia, which is a co-sponsor of the item on the agenda and who was called to the Steering Committee table for the debate on the issue, said that it dealt with the fate of hundreds of thousands of Japanese, German and Italian prisoners who had never been repatriated.

Sir Percy said he found it difficult to accept as evidence and proof the statement that all prisoners in Soviet hands had been repatriated. How could nearly half a million people disappear, he asked.

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## Treaty Ratified

Denver, Sept. 16. President Eisenhower today signed the formal ratification of a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between the United States and Japan. The treaty was signed at Tokyo last April 2 and was approved by the United States on July 21.—Reuter.

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The Soviet delegate said that consideration of the question in 1950 had shown clearly that it was included in the agenda illegally. Further consideration would not serve the cause of peace but would only kindle hatred among people.

Sir Percy Spender said Mr Malik was as good as saying: "Five hundred thousand people have disappeared but don't let us bother about it; we have more important things to attend to."

**IN GOOD FAITH**  
Mr Lodge referred to the Polish delegate's "gratuitous inference" in referring to the recent statement of Mr Dulles and added: "When the United States desires to propose changes in the Charter, it will do so itself."

Mr Lodge said that the proposals under discussion came independently and in good faith from sovereign states and although the United States might have difficulty in understanding this, they were not "satellite proposals."

Mr D.J. Von Balluseck, of the Netherlands, said that two years from now the Assembly would be faced with the question of the new Charter. (Contd. on Back Page, Col. 5)

## New Iraqi Cabinet To Be Formed

Baghdad, Sept. 16. King Faisal of Iraq today asked Dr Mohammed Fadil Jamali, President of the Chamber of Deputies, to form a new cabinet.

It was understood here tonight that the King had today formally accepted the resignation of the outgoing Prime Minister, Jamil el Madfal.

General Nuri Al Said Pasha—leader of the parliamentary majority or any other political leader supported by the majority—to form a cabinet.

He insisted on withdrawing despite General Nuri's assurance of support. Today it was stated that he also resigned owing to ill health and "absence of harmony" among cabinet ministers.

Dr Jamali, 50, has been Foreign Minister six times. He said he expected to complete his cabinet tonight. "All my colleagues will be neutrals and among the young intellectuals," he said.—Reuter.

## DUES OWED TO THE UN

New York, Sept. 16. Twenty-four nations had paid in full their 1953 contributions to the United Nations by today but the 30 other member nations still had balances due totalling almost US\$10,000,000, statistics issued by the United Nations Headquarters today.

The largest balance due was from the Soviet Union which owed \$2,949,452.50 towards its 1953 assessment of \$5,427,760.

Next largest was that of China which owed \$2,431,477 of its 1953 assessment of \$2,484,040. Nations listed as paid in full were: Afghanistan, Australia, Burma, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Union of South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States and Venezuela.—Reuter.

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As a British subject Mrs MacLean needed no visa to travel to Switzerland or the neighbouring countries of France, Italy, Austria and West Germany, all of whom are now looking for her. She was not bound to inform the Foreign Office of her movements though she did a year ago inform them of her intention to take up residence in Switzerland.—Reuter.

## Mystery Of Mrs MacLean Deepens

Geneva, Sept. 16. Police of Switzerland and neighbouring countries are searching tonight for Mrs Melinda MacLean, American-born wife of the missing British diplomat, Mr Donald MacLean.

A mystery telegram from "somewhere in Switzerland" reached her mother, Mrs Melinda Dunbar, here today a few hours after it was disclosed that Mrs MacLean and her three small children had disappeared in a black car five days ago.

Mr Donald MacLean and his fellow diplomat, Mr Guy Burgess, vanished in May, 1951. Mrs MacLean came to live at her mother's flat in Geneva last October and had remained there except for occasional trips to London and elsewhere.

Last Friday she told her mother, Mrs Dunbar, that she would be spending the weekend with friends at a villa near Montreux. Neither the friends nor the villa can be traced.

Two security officers who probed the case of Burgess and MacLean two years ago have been sent to Switzerland by the British Foreign Office to seek clues in the new mystery.

**MOVEMENTS TRACED**  
The Geneva police chief, Mr Charles Knecht, confirmed that Mrs Dunbar had received a telegram today.

"I am afraid I cannot yet tell you its contents," he said, "as we are still verifying them. Nor can I tell you the sender's name. But I can say that it was sent to Mrs Dunbar from somewhere inside Switzerland."

Tracing Mrs MacLean's movements on the last day she was seen in Geneva, Mr Knecht said tonight: "We have established that on Friday morning she went to her garage, had her car filled and drove off. She then went to the bank where she withdrew some money—quite a small amount—from her account."

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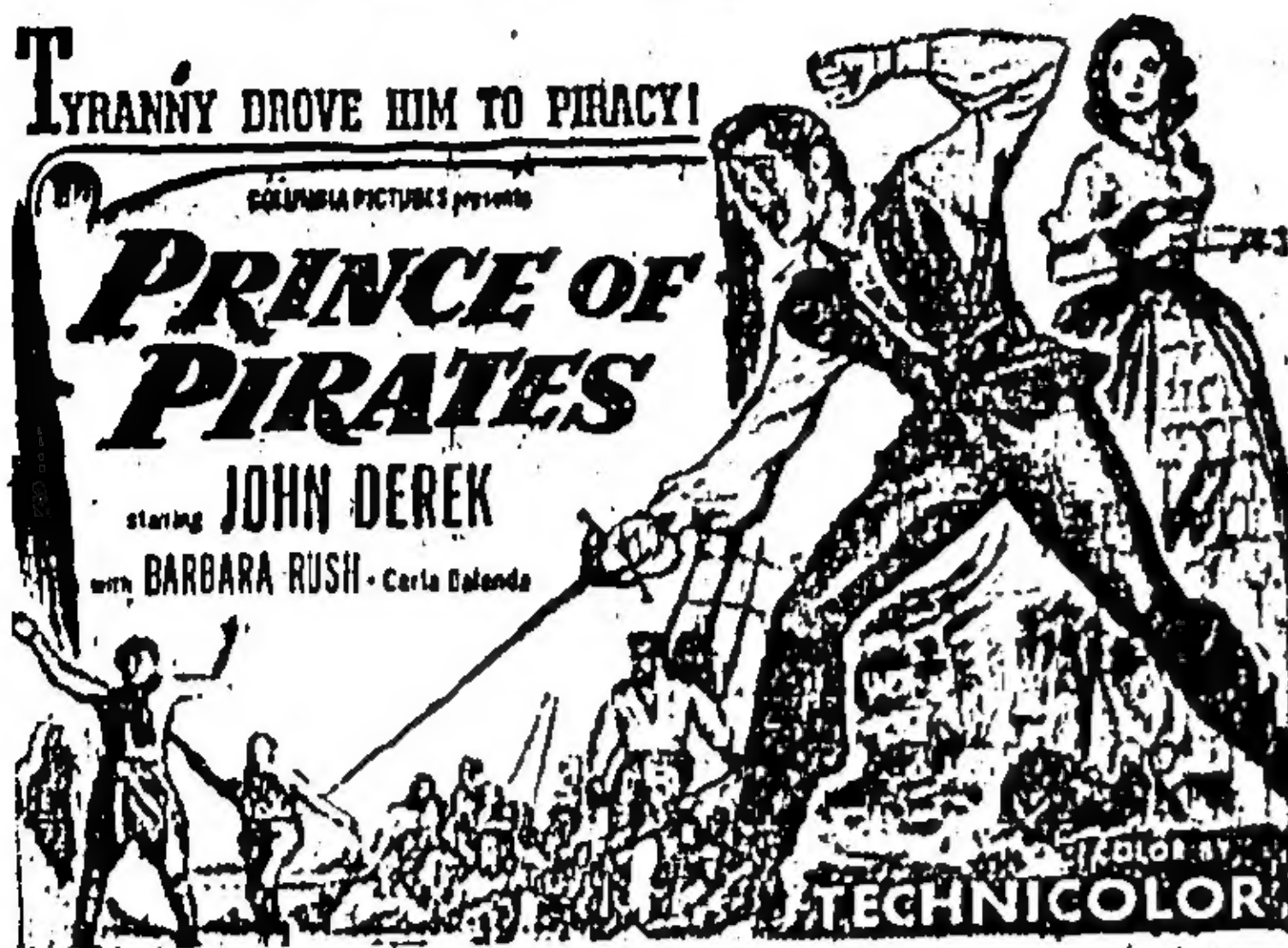
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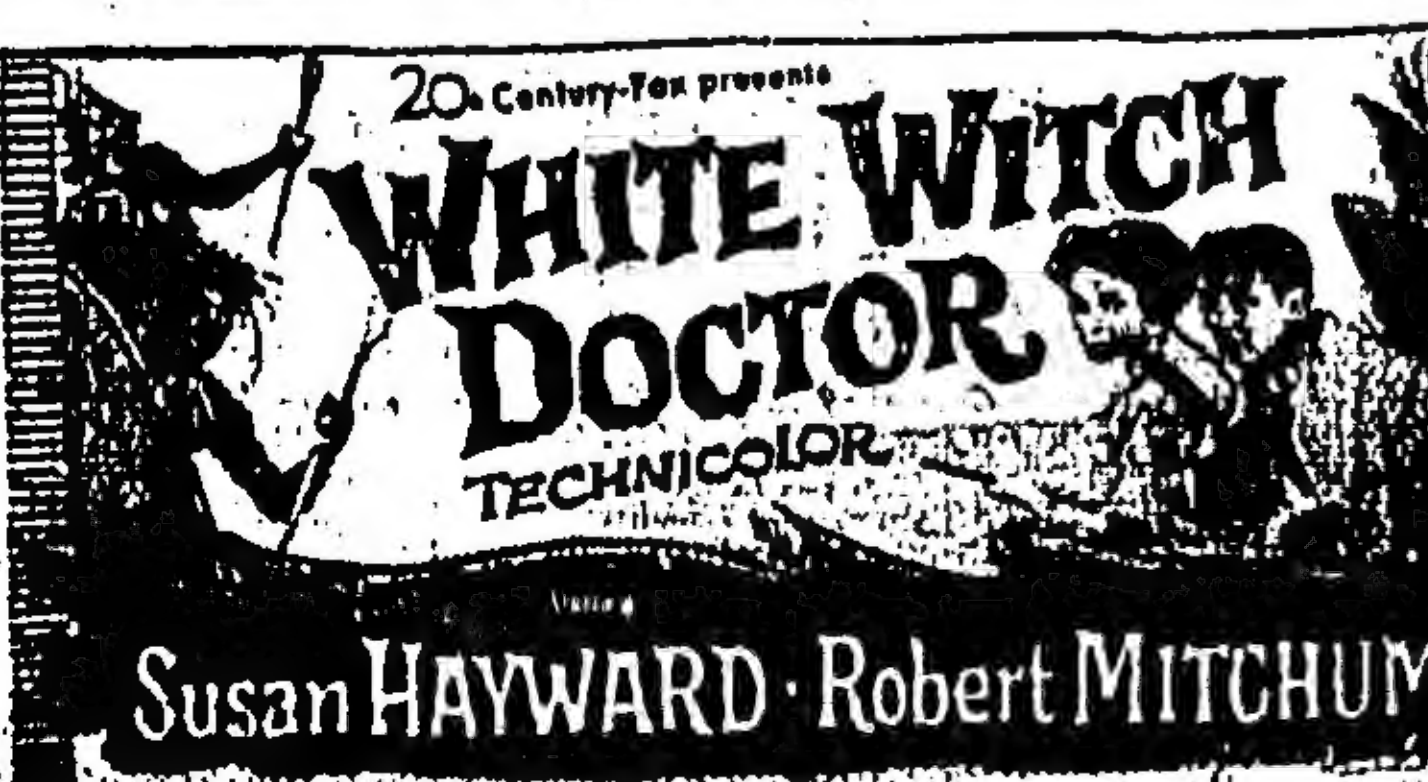
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## America Develops A New Type Of Radar Defence

Washington, Sept. 16.

The Armed Forces are developing a new kind of radar which may revolutionise United States defences against a surprise atomic attack, it was learned today.

The secret new equipment, known as "doppler" or "audio" radar, may be the forerunner of a completely automatic air warning net stretching far into the Arctic wastelands.

## NEW CZECH PLAN APPROVED

Vienna, Sept. 16.

After debating the Government declaration put forward yesterday by Premier Vilém Široký, the Czechoslovak Parliament unanimously approved the new programme today, Prague Radio announced this afternoon.

Six members spoke in the debate.

The Premier said the Government intended by all means to increase the standard of living of the workers.

It was necessary therefore to lower the production of heavy industry and raise the production of agricultural and consumer goods to achieve a "balanced economy."

More investment credits would be granted to private and collective farmers and the construction of new housing units would be considerably increased.

At the same time production of basic raw materials must still be increased.

Sufficient production of these and of machinery were the basis for the building of socialism in the country.—Reuter.

## Pakistan General's Visit To Turkey

London, Sept. 16.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Land Forces, General Ayub Khan, who is visiting Turkey as the guest of the Turkish Government, visited the Turkish Armoured Brigade at Marmak today, according to Ankara Radio.

After hearing details about the training methods of the Brigade from the Brigade Commander, General Ayub Khan proceeded to watch exercises specially arranged in his honour.—China Mail Special.

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## Refugees Who Can't Return



Anna Pajuch, 55-year-old charwoman who wants to return to Czechoslovakia—the country she left 15 years ago as a refugee—still has no visa. She could not understand why she should need an exit visa, and called off to Oostend without one, only to be turned back by Belgian officials. On arrival back in London she visited the Czech and Soviet Embassies in an attempt to obtain the all-important visa, but without success.—Express Photo.

## Titanium Research May Help Malaya

Singapore, Sept. 17.

Malaya stands to gain commercially as a result of research campaigns now being conducted in the United States for producing titanium—a new metal which could revolutionise all aircraft industries,—according to reports published here.

## Demolitions On Czech Frontier

Weiden, Sept. 16.

Czechoslovak demolition squads have again begun to blow up buildings in the uninhabited strip running along the Czech side of the frontier with Bavaria, the West German news agency, DPA, reported today.

A customs post in a small former Sudeten German village and the few remaining houses in another village were demolished today.

West German frontier police believed the previous demolitions took place to make it more difficult for refugees to cross into West Germany.—Reuter.

## Controversy Revived

Manila, Sept. 16.

President Elpidio Quirino tonight raised for the first time the issue of clarification of the 1946 bases agreement with the United States after telling the Filipino Legion—a newly-formed veterans' organisation—that he meant to have war claims against the United States elucidated and settled.

The President's statement was held significant in view of his recent agitation for the reopening of back-pay and recognition claims of guerrillas who fought during the last war.

The United States has reiterated time and again that the issue is considered closed.—Reuter.

## Formal Protest Made To U.N. By South Africa OBJECTS TO DEBATE ON APARTHEID

New York, Sept. 16.

South Africa made a formal protest before the Steering Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today against the inclusion in the Assembly's agenda of the questions regarding the treatment of Indians in South Africa and the South African Government's policies of Apartheid.

Mr G. P. Jooste, the South African delegate, did not ask, however, for a vote in the Steering Committee, saying that he reserved his right to pursue the matter when the question of approving the agenda came before the full United Nations membership in the General Assembly.

The Steering Committee is composed of 15 members—the Assembly President, the seven vice-presidents and the seven committee chairmen.

There was no objection to the inclusion of the two South African items by any member of the Steering Committee and their inclusion was therefore recommended together with other items.

Discussing the question of the South African Government's policies of Apartheid, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the United States delegate, said that the United States would vote to recommend that the item be included in the agenda.

"I take this occasion to note that items of this character invite questions about the competence of the General Assembly under Article 2, Paragraph 7," he added.

(This deals with intervention in domestic affairs of member States).

"The United States has observed with increasing concern the tendency of the General Assembly to place on its agenda subjects of a purely domestic character of which is doubtful," Mr Lodge added.

## INCREASING CONCERN

"In our view this represents a problem of increasing concern for the organisation."

The United States believed that the problem deserved most careful consideration by all member Governments in preparation for the time when the Charter was reviewed.

Mr Jooste, in making his protest regarding the inclusion of the item concerning the treatment of Indians in South Africa, said he did so because the South African Government adhered to the view that the matter was one which fell essentially within its domestic jurisdiction.

He said that Article 2, Paragraph 7 of the U.N. Charter specifically precluded the organisation from intervening in such matters.

He was merely placing the protest on record and was doing so for the purpose of safeguarding his Government's legal position.

## INDIAN STATEMENT

Mr Jooste said that the final decision on whether the item was to be included in the agenda was one for the General Assembly where all delegations were represented. He would therefore raise the matter again at the appropriate time.

Today Mr Jooste and Mr Rajagopal Basu of India were both invited specially to the Steering Committee table to discuss the South African items.

Mr Jooste in reply said that at six of the seven previous sessions of the Assembly this item had been placed on the agenda. On each occasion South Africa had objected and on each occasion the objection had been defeated.

Apart from these six implied affirmations of the Assembly's competence the Assembly had also specifically declared its competence to consider this por-

tion. At its last session the Assembly had passed a resolution establishing a Good Offices Commission to arrange and assist in negotiations between the Governments of South Africa, India and Pakistan.

To ensure that the report of this commission was adequately considered the Assembly decided to include the item on the provisional agenda of the eighth session.

## NO ARGUMENT

To recommend its deletion now would nullify the express intentions of the Assembly's resolution of last year.

Mr Jooste said it was not his intention to argue the matter before the Steering Committee or ask for a vote in the Committee of which he was not a member. Nor was it his intention to ask anyone else to vote. His further action would be taken in the Assembly.

Replying to Mr Dayal he said that the Indian representative had pointed out that last year's resolution placed the matter on the provisional agenda for this session.

The Assembly, added Mr Jooste, was master of its own procedures.

The Assembly had the authority and power, if it so decided, to include or reject any item placed before it.

## BRITISH VIEW

If the United Nations had made a mistake in this case that did not justify a perpetuation of such a mistake.

Similarly Mr Jooste wished to place on record South Africa's objection to include the item on the policy of Apartheid.

Mr Dayal replied that it was obvious in view of the resolution adopted on the issue at the last session that it was essential for the Assembly to discuss the matter again.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb of Britain said that in the British view a decision to include this item was quite without prejudice to the question of the competence of the Assembly to discuss the matter.—Reuter.

## Agreement In Force

London, Sept. 16.

The 19-nation agreement on German external debts, which was signed in London on February 27, came into force today, the Foreign Office announced.

The overall agreement provided for the settlement of Germany's pre-war debts and for the settlement of post-war aid received by Western Germany from Britain, the United States and France.

Under the overall agreement there were also bilateral agreements on post-war aid debt between West Germany and the United States, West Germany and France, and West Germany and Britain.—Reuter.

## POP





# MALAN BILL THROWN OUT

Slav Dancers  
In Britain

## Russia

## Entering Into New Trade Negotiations

### CONCLUSION OF NINE PACTS REPORTED

London, Sept. 16.

Without any apparent encouragement from the West, Soviet trade negotiators have become remarkably active. In the last two months trade agreements have been officially reported from Egypt, Holland, India, Pakistan, France, Argentina, Iceland, Norway and Greece.

The Russians have concluded a coal-for-fishing boats deal with Japan, and they are also reporting to be making offerings of manganese, wheat, asbestos, heavy oil and potassium.

Two years ago the Russians claimed to have little interest in trade with the West, alleging that as the West would not sell the things they wanted, they had little incentive to build up their exports.

In the interval Western trade restrictions have not been modified, but the Russians have evidently changed their minds as to the desirability of those things, not of a strategic kind, that can be bought.

There are several novel features about the latest list of Russian offerings. Since the war their exports to Western Europe have been mainly of grains and timber, but they now offer a wider range.

Included in it are metals, such as chrome and platinum, which are not allowed to be exported to Russia because of their "strategic importance," a fact that must appear irksome to the Western export controllers.

Russia is also offering oil in increasing quantities. This comes from Rumanian as well as Russian sources. It was a traditional export in pre-war years that entirely dried up after the war, but is revived in the new trade deals concluded with the Argentine, Iceland, Greece and France.

#### CARS FOR HERRINGS

If all these deals should mature, Russian oil exports to the West, including Finland, would reach two million tons a year.

In addition to a widened range of raw materials, Russia is also offering manufactured goods, notably the "Moscow" automobile offered to Norway in exchange for herring. Norway was also offered cameras, optical goods and carpets, but it would seem likely that these were made in East Germany, and they were rejected on grounds of price.

Among Russian requirements are fishing boats, bulk carriers, electrical equipment and other items that might be expected in the light of the traditional Soviet planning bias towards heavy capital development.

But she is also asking for incentive goods, notably butter which is being procured from Holland and Australia, much from Australia, tobacco from Greece, and woolens from Britain. Even the search for electrical equipment may have a consumer angle: representatives from British cable companies who have been in Moscow recently report ambitious electrification plans for provincial Russian cities.

#### FIVE-YEAR PLAN

These three bodies, in their present state, date back to the Moscow conference of April, 1952.

In April this year the Russians caused the UN Economic Commission for Europe to convene a special secret session to consider the possibilities of East-West trade.

This was described by the Commission's secretary as "one of the most important meetings ever held in the European headquarters of the UN," but its report has never been disclosed.

The President of the British Board of Trade has said in Parliament that the report is being studied.

Unofficially it is known that the Russian representatives made great efforts to convince the West European Governments of the value of the Russian market, and that they disclosed a five-year plan for what was growing independent of North American supplies.

That their efforts to be convincing were not entirely successful may be inferred from the recent spate of trade agreements concluded by Soviet countries with the Soviet, China Mail Special.

#### Salvage Agreement

Tokyo, Sept. 16. Japanese and Vietnamese officials today signed a provisional agreement for the salvage of ships sunk in waters off Vietnam during the war. Representatives of the two nations had been negotiating the agreement in Hanoi since the summer.

## Sixteen Votes Short Of Majority Premier Announces He Will "Try Another Course"

Capetown, Sept. 16.

Parliament today threw out a bill presented by Dr Daniel Malan, the Nationalist Prime Minister, amending the South Africa Act to change the coloured voting system.

The bill fell 16 votes short of the two-thirds majority from a session of both houses which was needed to pass it.

Dr Malan immediately announced that he would try "another course" to achieve his aims.

The bill was designed to amend an earlier measure introduced by the courts to place in a separate electoral roll the coloured (mixed race) voters of Cape Province. So far they have voted together with the Europeans and the courts have held that they could not be constitutionally deprived of this

right except by a two-thirds majority in a joint session of both Houses of Parliament.

Today's vote was 122 to 78. The majority favoured Dr Malan's bill but fell short of the 138 votes constituting the two-thirds majority in full attendance.

In the debate, Mr Jacobus Strauss, leader of the United Party, which was declared against the bill, rounded off a warning against trying alternative methods of achieving the Government's aim.

There has been talk of tampering with the Supreme Court and packing the Senate," he declared.

"If these measures are taken, it would cause untold harm and misery to South Africa."

#### NO COMMITMENT

A member of the small Labour Party, Mr N. G. Eaton, suggested that the meeting adjourn without voting and turn the matter over to a select committee.

Mr Paul Sauer, Minister of Transport, said the suggestion merited attention but he wanted to know whether the United Party would accept it.

Sir Viljoen Graaff, one of the leading United Party spokesmen, declared that his group could not commit itself in advance to the findings of any select committee.

Aware before the start of the final third reading that a two-thirds majority was beyond his grasp, the Prime Minister told the joint session packing the House of Assembly benches and floor: "We will go ahead."

Speaking in Afrikaans in reply to the day-long debate, he said that if the present way the Government had chosen—bringing the issue to a joint session—failed, it would follow another course which would be equally constitutional and which it hoped would meet success.

#### BLAMES OPPOSITION

Dr Malan did not indicate the exact nature of his Government's next move in the controversy but he said today's debate marked an end of a major stage in South African political history.

Blaming the United Party opposition for refusing to co-operate with the Government for amendments to the South Africa Act which the British Parliament passed in 1950 when the Union was launched—he said it was the last opportunity for co-operation between both sides of the House to solve the constitutional question without a further political struggle.

He maintained the South Africa Act did not prohibit

separate representation in Parliament of Europeans and non-Europeans but he said the Government saw ways in which this could be achieved without seeking a two-thirds majority at a joint session.

It had tried for a two-thirds majority the best way to prevent further strife, Dr Malan said.

Dr Malan maintained the Nationalist victory in the general election last April gave them "a very clear mandate" for the separate representation of coloured voters.

He was not prepared to ignore that mandate.

#### ANSWER TO CHARGE

Answering charges on his invitation for opposition support, Dr Malan said it was not necessary for him to split the opposition where one "speaks" different radically from the other though they might succeed in presenting the outward appearance of unity.

He was not actuated by any desire to harm any party, but only to find a solution for removing the coloured question and the question of the courts' rights to rule on legislation from the political arena.

Besides validating the bill to remove coloured voters to a separate register, Dr Malan's bill would also have enabled Parliament in future to alter non-white franchise rights by a bare majority and defined the jurisdiction of the courts to pronounce upon the validity of laws passed by Parliament.

Immediately after the session ended there was much speculation on what the Government's next move would be.

Opposition enquiries during the debate failed to get Dr Malan to say more than that there remained "only one other course"—a constitutional one which had already been foreshadowed and for which a mandate has been obtained.

As the Prime Minister in his speech deplored any further delay on the problem, it was felt likely that he will soon himself announce the Government's intentions.—Reuter.

## Engineering Exhibition In London

London, Sept. 16. The latest achievements of the British engineering industry are represented by 1,250 exhibits at the Engineering, Marine and Welding Exhibition which has opened here. They range from 80-ton diesel engines to precision jigs less than a human hair in diameter. One of the most interesting items is the welded aluminium deck-house of an ocean going cargo ship; it is non-magnetic, cheaper, lighter and stronger than steel. The superstructure the first of its kind to be made in the UK, will enable cargo ships to be built more quickly and will give them more speed.

Another star exhibit is an underwater television set for searching the ocean, but at a depth of 1,000 feet. A new hydraulic jack is on view which, although weighing only 24 lbs., can lift a dead weight of 15 tons. British atomic energy research has produced a radio-active isotope which can detect one millionth of an ounce of metal wear in an engine. Another machine on show produces soluble tea powder, a one-pound jar which will make 1,000 cups of tea.

Large numbers of foreign buyers are expected to attend the fortnightly exhibition of the industry which provides nearly 45 per cent of Britain's total exports. Opening the exhibition, its President, Mr D. D. Waller, called for increasing boldness in British selling methods abroad.

Mr H. V. York, the Chairman of the British Chemical Plant Manufacturers' Association, said that British engineering and chemical firms could now guarantee quicker deliveries than any other country in the world. The great backlog of orders which had mounted up after 1945 has been dealt with and shortages hardly noticed since the war.—China Mail Special.



A group of Yugoslav dancers, dressed in national costume pictured in London where they will perform at the opening of the Sadler's Wells Ballet season.—Express Photo.

## Big Improvement In European Economic Position

Strasbourg, Sept. 16.

M. Bernard Lafay, French Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, told the 15-nation Council of Europe today that there had been a marked improvement in Europe's economic situation since last year.

Her deficit with the rest of the world had dropped from \$1,607,000,000 (about £574,000,000) in the first quarter of 1952 to \$1,195,000,000 (about £426,000,000) in the first quarter of 1953.

This improvement was largely due to lower world prices and the halting of inflation in almost every European country, M. Lafay said.

The dollar gap had been reduced to \$1,713,000,000 (about £611,000,000) in the first five months of 1952 to \$597,000,000 (about £213,000,000) in the same period this year.

If American military spending were to be taken into account Europe had actually achieved a

gold and dollar surplus equal to the economic aid she had received, he concluded.

M. Lafay said the present rate of industrial production in Europe cannot compare with that of North America and the Communist countries.

"Judged by any standards, the rate of progress in industrial activity achieved in recent years must indeed, be considered very slight."

#### GREAT DANGER

"Except in a few specially-favoured countries, production now barely exceeds the highest level reached in 1951."

A Norwegian Labour member, Mr Finn Moo, forecast difficulties if not actual depression as a result of reduced armament production following the end of the Korean war.

"The great danger may be no longer inflation but deflation."

Mr Roger Motz, Liberal Belgian Senator, laid down the essential requirements as convertibility of currency and liberalisation of trade.

The United States, Russia and Communist China were making great strides, Europe had become a "backward area," he said.—Reuter.

## MANILA HINT TO U.S.

Manila, Sept. 16. The Philippines Foreign Office today reviewed latest developments in Philippine proposals for the revision of the executive agreement governing trade between the Philippines and the U.S.A.

Attached to the statement issued was a list of proposed changes in the trade arrangement and a proposed list of free imports from the United States.

The Foreign Office move was interpreted here as an attempt to prod the United States into action on the Philippines proposals owing to there being little time left to effect mutually satisfactory adjustment of trade between the two countries.—Reuter.

#### Nehru Gesture

New Delhi, Sept. 16. Mr Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, has presented a bill to amend the Indian Republic Act, 1950, which was passed in 1947 to the two sons of the Pakistan Prime Minister.

Mr Nehru heard that Mr Mohamed Ali, their father, was "suffering" for stamps during his recent visit to New Delhi for his younger son, Hamid, who is a keen collector. The Indian leader at once ordered two complete sets for both boys.—China Mail Special.

## Red China's Plan Gets Pravda's Blessing

London, Sept. 16.

Pravda, the Russian Communist Party newspaper, today declared that solution of the problems facing the Korean political conference could not be ensured if only the two belligerent sides took part.

According to a Moscow Radio broadcast, the newspaper said the only way to success was pointed out by the Prime Minister of Communist China, Mr Chou En-lai, in his proposals for enlarged membership of the conference.

The article said these proposals were "prompted by the desire to find a rapid and peaceful solution of Far Eastern problems."

"They are in accordance with the demands of all the peoples of the world. Only they can ensure a normal course of negotiations leading to the peace and security of nations."

Pravda accused the United States of using pressure to obtain the rejection of the principle of a round-table conference and of denying Communist China and North Korea participation in the United Nations discussion on the matter.

The article in Korea had put an end to a bloodily war but "aggressive international forces" were attempting to stop "the dangerous smouldering of war in the Far East from going out by trying to undermine a settlement in Korea."

Many United Nations members said Pravda, including the Soviet Union, India and Great Britain, favoured a round-table conference which would include neutral States as well as belligerents.

It added: "It is obvious to all thinking people that the political conference, as Chou En-lai pointed out in his telegram to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, is something rather different from the 'talks' which were of purely military character."—Reuter.

## Balkan Pact Conference

Belgrade, Sept. 16. A General Staff conference between Yugoslavia, Greece, and Turkey—the Balkan Pact members—is likely to be held in Belgrade this autumn. Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, said today.

Tanjug, quoting well-informed circles, said preparations were already under way for this conference. The first General Staff conference took place at Athens in June.

Later this week Greek and Turkish observers will attend Yugoslav army manoeuvres near Zagreb.—Reuter.

## DEMOCRATS CONFIDENT

Chicago, Sept. 16. The National Chairman, Mr Stephen Mitchell, said today that "rehabilitated" Democrats would carry the battle to the Republicans "with new confidence" in special Congressional elections this autumn.

Mr Mitchell described as highly encouraging the results of a National Rally which would open last night with a talk by Mr Adlai Stevenson for the Eisenhower administration to "think ahead" about seizing the initiative from Russia in the cold war.

Mr Stevenson, the 1952 presidential nominee, and former President Truman both have signified their willingness to campaign for the party in next year's critical congressional elections, Mr Mitchell said at a Press conference.

The National Chairman said Mr Stevenson would probably give two talks this autumn but not directly in connection with the special elections to fill House of Representatives vacancies in Wisconsin, California and New Jersey.

"As a result of our meeting here and the better understandings reached between disparate elements of the party we have greater confidence for the 1954 elections and for the special elections before that," Mr Mitchell said.—Reuter.

## Ironical By-Product Of Adenauer Victory Possible

Manchester, Sept. 16.

The Manchester Guardian today maintained that the Federal elections have given Western Germany one of the most secure Governments in Western Europe.

But it will be ironic if, as a by-product, they make some of the Land Governments of Western Germany insecure, this Liberal newspaper stated.

"Land elections are not simultaneous with Federal elections, and if the results of last week's election are applied to the individual Länder, it is evident that in five, their present governments would no longer have majorities."

"As a result, the government of one Land, Württemberg-Baden, has resigned already. There is a coalition of Free Democrats and Social Democrats was led by Dr Reinhold Maier, one of the leading Liberals of the Free Democratic Party."

His departure is to be regretted, since it implied a weakening of the Liberal wing within the Party. "But a coalition of others in his Party with the Christian Democrats, sending the Socialists into the wilderness, will not represent the true wishes of the public."

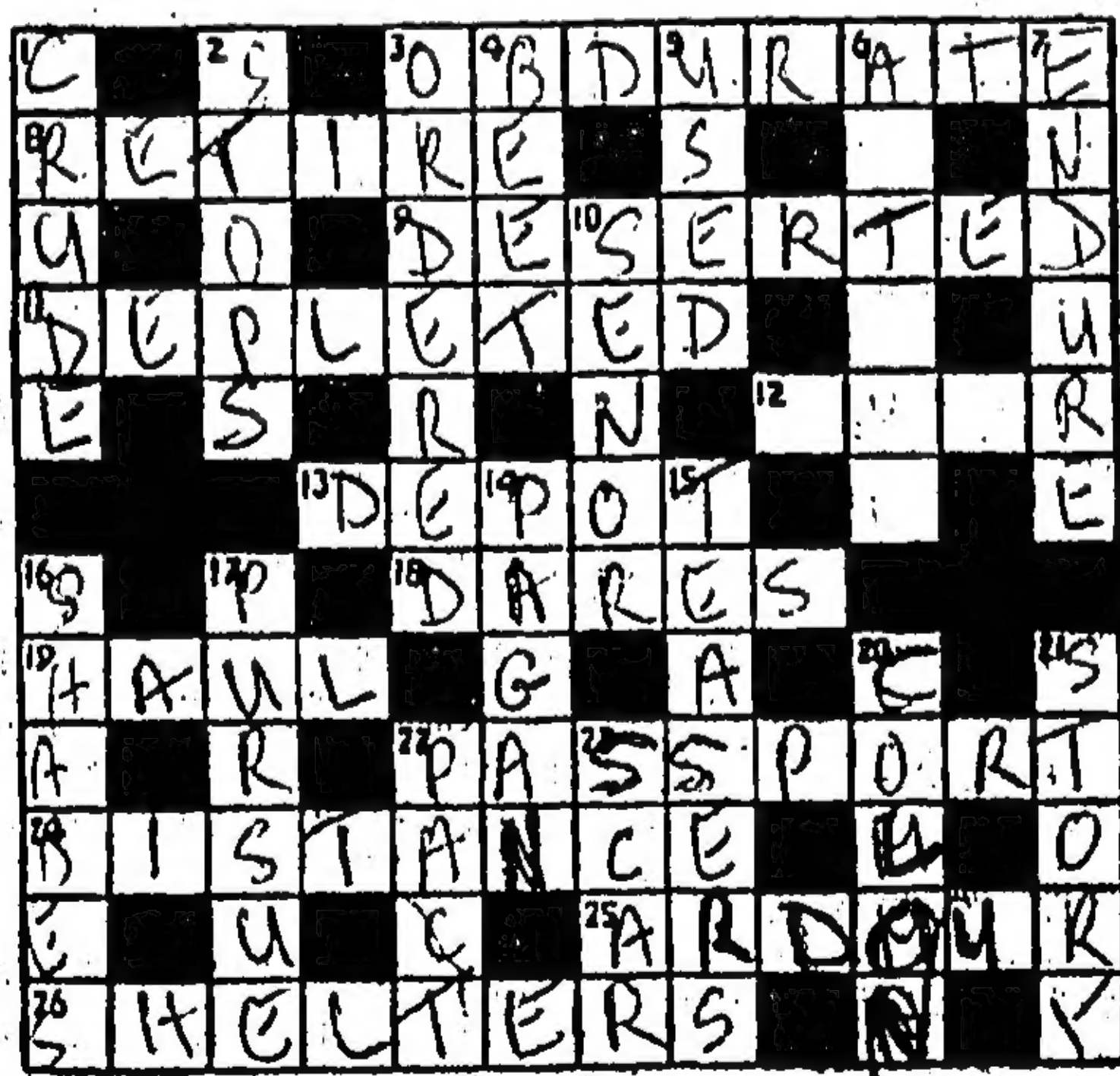
"In Bavaria also the basis of the existing coalition has been undermined," the Manchester Guardian declared.

"There the land elections two years ago left the Christian Democrats and Social Democrats at almost equal strength, and they formed a partnership which has brought Bavaria a moderate and competent administration."

"But today, with the voting for Federal candidates, giving the Christian Democrats double the strength of the Social Democrats, the demand for fresh elections or a change of government will be hard to resist."

"If, however, the old partnership is healthy enough to carry on, perhaps with a change of leadership, the Government will be able to carry on."

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS  
3 Stubborn (8)  
8 Withdraw (6)  
9 Abandoned (6)  
11 Exhausted (6)  
12 Support for spans of bridge (4)  
13 Headquarters of regiment (6)  
18 Challenges (6)  
19 Pull along (4)  
22 Travel document (8)  
24 Remoteness (6)  
25 Zeal (6)  
26 Profits (6)
- DOWN  
1 Rough (5)  
2 Armies (5)  
3 Commanded (7)  
4 Vegetable (4)  
5 Accompanied (4)  
6 Reach (6)  
7 Last (6)  
8 Spent (5)  
14 Heathen (5)  
15 Fleets (7)  
16 Eats (6)  
17 Chases (6)  
20 Punctuation mark (3)  
21 Narrative (5)  
22 Agreement (4)  
23 Bimble (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Silenced, 7 Plump, 8 Rational, 10 Eraser, 12 Sincere, 15 Tame, 17 Essayed, 18 Dearest, 20 Edge, 21 Tallies, 22 Tassel, 27 Prepared, 28 Exude, 29 Restrained, Down: 1 Soles, 2 Women, 3 Anne, 4 Talk, 5 Convey, 6 Dull, 7 Arrest, 11 Billed, 12 Scope, 14 Bitter, 16 Fails, 18 Males, 19 Deers, 19 Agents, 21 Laces, 23 Issue, 24 Sleep, 26 Fair.



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? A MAN NOTABLE AMONG THE JUDGES OF BEAUTY FRANKLY SUMS UP THE WHOLE SEX AND GIVES THE VERDICT...

# I FEEL SORRY FOR WOMEN!

From LEONARD MOSLEY

VENICE.

DINO DE LAURENTIS, the man who discovered Gina Lollobrigida and Silvana Mangano, said to me: "As a man, I feel sorry for women."

We were sitting on the beach at the Lido, and some of the most beautiful women were sprawled on the sands around us—in every costume from the minutest bikini to the latest (and ugliest) robes from Paris and Rome.

"Just take a look at their faces when there is not a man around," said Laurentis. "You will see how discontented, uncertain, and unhappy they look. That is because women today no longer know how to cope with the world which we men have made for them. They are still trying to fight the battle of 1953 with the weapons of the Stone Age."

Dino De Laurentis is a man well qualified to talk about the female sex. He is the man who also discovered Pier Angeli and Alida Valli and made them into international film stars. His own wife is Italy's most successful pin-up girl, Silvana Mangano, the star of "Bitter Rice."

Perfect

MANGANO is everything that De Laurentis thinks a woman should be — "But only because I trained her that way," he says, and Silvana nods approval.

## HUSBAND and WIFE



Domesticated interlude in Venice for Dino De Laurentis and his wife, Silvana Mangano. Says he: "When a woman marries she should settle down..."

The De Laurentis line of thought (very popular in Italy) is that women started deteriorating as a sex when they achieved their independence and started being cynical about men.

"There used to be a time," he said "when a woman's dream of delight was a husband to care for and a family to bring up."

"When they achieved marriage and a home their ambitions were satisfied, and they spent the rest of their life as a helpmate to their man."

"Marriage does not mean that today, and I think it is a pity."

## Her job

HE pointed to a slim young woman swimming in from a dip in the Adriatic. "Take her as an example of a modern wife," he said. "She has a husband who loves her and only loves to keep her in comfort."

"She has a family of two delightful girls, but does she stay at home and keep her family happy? On the contrary, she goes out to a job of her own, leaves her children in charge of a nurse and is alone with her husband only at the week-end."

"It often happens they do not even spend their holiday together, because she is busy when he is free or vice versa. Do you wonder that, though they still love each other, their marriage is in danger of breaking up?"

"They are living together like two lodgers instead of a married man and his wife."

De Laurentis makes it quite clear that nothing like that happens in his house.

"I may sound old fashioned," he said, "but I believe that when a woman marries she should settle down." In his own case that is how it works.

Silvana Mangano, after "Bitter Rice," became Italy's most popular star. She was offered contracts in Hollywood, Britain, and France.

She wanted to take them too, for her ambition when she started in films after the war was to become an international star.

De Laurentis said: "No." Silvana put it simply. "He told me I could be a film star or a wife, but not both, and without using those exact words asked me to choose."

She chose a family life, and is the mother of two strapping children. She has now gone back to films—but to star in a film with De Laurentis is producing himself (a colour film with Kirk Douglas based on the legend of Ulysses). She will make no films for outside companies.

Once off the film set she reverts immediately to the role of wife and never seeks any publicity not approved of by her husband.

## Her quality

SHE has, in fact, a quality which De Laurentis and a lot of other Italian people claim women have lost in this modern age—subservience to the male sex.

"I am all in favour of women having their independence," De Laurentis said, "so long as they know how to use it. But do they? A woman who is really independent is a rarity. Modern women have achieved a freedom their great-grandmothers never dreamed of."

"They have gone into business competition with the men, and some of them are so brilliant they have pushed the men out of the high places."

## Her happiness

HE paused and looked at a couple of would-be stars trying to attach themselves to Rex Harrison as he posed for photographs—so that their faces would get into the newspapers.

"But what good does it do them? To get to the top, I mean," De Laurentis asked.

"Have you ever met a successful woman who was a happy woman?"

And as Silvana looked fondly and obediently at him he repeated his opening remark: "I feel sorry for the female sex. They are no longer completely dependent upon men to provide for them. They go out into the world to fight their own battles."

"And take a look at them (but do not let them see you looking). Have you ever seen more unhappy or more uncertain people?"

**TOMORROW: A viewpoint to challenge the stay-at-home**

It seems that the mice must have been nibbling the power connections at Chiquera, too. Winston is considering exchanging his set for an old-fashioned phonograph.



POLITICAL TV EXHIBITION

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## ★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

# Uncle Sam Is Worried: Nobody Loves Him

New York, Tuesday.

THROUGH inept timing I arrived back in New York the day the temperature hit 99 and the city was swooning. Even today, when it is a mere 80 and the heat-wave is officially over, people are going around in a daze as if they have been hit on the head by a lead pipe.

It is going to take 'us weeks to recover. A lot of things have been lost during the holocaust—composure, temper, and perhaps a grip on the international facts of life.

I find New Yorkers more worried than usual—worried about the United Nations, the stock market, the Communists, but most of all worried about not being loved.

Even the Adenauer victory has not cheered them up much. Almost every returning traveler, from Ambassadors to college boys, is talking and acting like a rejected suitor.

## Disappointed

MR Robert Ruark, who knows how to put words together for several hundred newspapers,

reports: "From roasting around Europe lately I have been asking myself a couple of questions—Where did we fall? Why do they hate us? And they do hate us. What did we do so badly that everybody says 'Go home, Americans'?"

I think my friend Ruark is exaggerating. I don't believe for a moment that "they," meaning Europeans, do hate Americans, or that every European is telling the citizens to go home.

But there isn't the slightest doubt that many trippers and tourists are disappointed in the reception the French, the Italians, the Germans, and even the British have given them.

It is a wounding experience to wear your heart on your sleeve to spend billions in presents and find the girl doesn't love you after all.

The U.S., generous and warm-hearted, as energetic and impetuous as a puppy, is deeply hurt that everyone doesn't want to take her on their lap and cuddle her.

So now the great soul-searching is going on here. Why don't they love us? Where did we go wrong? What's wrong with our political sex appeal?

The lovesick republic is trying to console herself in the classic manner with tortuous explanations. We are too big, we are too rich, we have too much, we give too much. Our symbol is the Cadillac convertible, we meddle without knowing how to do it well, and we are blabbermouths with our secrets.

This is the refrain being sung from coast to coast under the general title of "Nobody Loves Us—I Know They Don't."

## Astonished

IT has astonished me, dear, like-able, wealthy Uncle Samuel that other people, and particularly the British and Europeans, have minds and wills of their own.

What base ingratitude, the disillusioned travellers wail, and some hint that they will take their baseball bat home if everyone else doesn't play the game their way.

I have some comfort for lover-boy, some salve and balm for a broken heart. The very fact that America's allies are sticking up for themselves, acting for themselves, and occasionally daring to vote against the U.S. in the U.N.

shows that there is a return of self-confidence and pride in Europe.

The newly found independence in Britain and on the Continent is proof of the success of the American aid programme, a worthwhile reward for the money poured out.

To think otherwise, to shed tears and wring hands, to rail at ungrateful friends, is to be neurotic and adolescent.

Of course, many things lately do seem to have conspired to irritate and exasperate the world's strongest power.

The reinstatement and reimbursement of some Americans dismissed by Trygve Loe from the U.N. staff for alleged disloyalty to the U.S. has angered the Press and the public here.

Even Roy Howard, a newspaper owner with moderate and international views, now says: "It was a mistake to bring the U.N. here in the first place." And the more violent newspaper owners are saying "Let's get out pronto and kick the global squatters out of their glasshouse."

The sooner Sir Winston Churchill meets Mr Eisenhower the better, and the quicker that Mr Eden can resume his office as Foreign Secretary the happier for all of us, for, believe me, the relations between the U.S. and the U.K. are strained and tangled and only Mr Vishinsky is happy.

## The slump

THE Wall Street slump has not helped America's peace of mind either. The experts were almost unanimous in predicting a recession or adjustment, so there are, absolutely no grounds whatever for thinking that a crash is coming.

More Americans—63,500,000 of them are employed—are working than ever before, more Americans are saving more money than ever before, and life insurance is at an all-time peak.

A recession? Possibly. A depression? No, sir.

Business in the shops and stores is brisk again now, that the holiday season is over (yesterday was Labour Day, the last big vacation day of the year), and New York has never looked more prosperous.

In my postbag are letters from Mr Anthony Eden, Harvey Firestone, and Marshall Field, Jr., all charming. Curious how the busiest and most successful people are always the most gracious.

Stewart Granger tells me he is to star in "Ben Hur." They cannot line up enough pictures for Jimmy (his real name).

## Soft words

BARBARA STANWYCK has babbled Robert Taylor in London. "Darling, Blodwyn needs a home—let's give it to him." Blodwyn is a horse which is also appearing in "Knights of the Round Table." There could be a reconciliation.

The British film "Mr Denning Drives North" is a bit better. Hollywood's Liberals say they hate these days when nothing seems to go left.

## CHAPMAN PINCHER

# TO STOP MURDER IN AIR

NEARLY three-quarters of all the coal burned at Britain's power stations—25,000,000 tons every year—is being wasted, British Association scientists were told at Liverpool.

Only a quarter of the energy in the coal dug by the miners and carried to power stations ends as electricity.

The rest is lost in cooling systems or goes up chimneys, taking with it fumes which poison the air we breathe. There is enough of this waste heat to supply every British home with constant hot water and central heating.

Instead of getting it, housewives are having to burn 40,000,000 more tons of coal in fire-grates and stoves to produce hot water for their homes. The smoke from their chimneys fouls the air still further with grime and choking poisons.

## Waste Heat

None of this is necessary, Mr Abraham Margolis, an engineer with an international reputation, told the scientists.

If the waste heat from our power stations was piped to the housewife, the 40,000,000 tons of coal a year now being burned in the home fires could be saved, and the pollution caused by that vast amount of crude fuel would be stopped.

Mr Margolis has a system for achieving this double purpose. It is simple—and it works.

The hot water unavoidably generated by power-station machinery would be stored in a huge communal system to which the hot taps and radiators of whole districts would be connected.

An engineer's pipe dream? No. Such a district heating plant, designed by Mr Margolis, is working on London's big new Pimlico housing estate.

Waste hot water from Battersea power station is being piped through a tunnel under the Thames to a hot-water system 138ft. high on the housing estate.

More than 1,500 centrally heated homes are already drawing their hot water from it.

When the housing estate is finished 32 blocks of flats, comprising 3,200 homes, will be served by heat which would otherwise be wasted.

## Coal Saved

More than 11,000 tons of coal will be saved every year. And London's air will be spared the fumes which domestic fires would have produced.

This plant, which is using only a fraction of the spare heat generated at Battersea, represents the first real progress in fighting smog and coal wastage. How many plants like it are being planned for other British towns? Not one.

Officials of the British Electricity Authority claim to be "extremely interested in the project," but nothing seems to be happening to speed up the building of other heating plants. The Government and local councils are moving so slowly that the Pimlico plant is likely to remain for a long time only an example.

The authorities are using the capital cost of the plant as an excuse for inaction.

"We cannot afford these schemes just yet," they say. The truth, as Mr Margolis stressed, is that we can no longer afford to do without them.

Smog is a killer—a destroyer of human life, buildings, metal work and crops. Our precautions against it should be as rapid and thorough as they would be for an expected gas attack.

Next month will see the first fogs which may concentrate the air poisons to lethal strength as they did last December in London, when 4,000 people were killed.

Yet the scientists tell me that there are no signs of hurry, no signs that anyone in any official position is disturbed.

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# DIVORCE ISLAND

watches the dollars dwindle

St Thomas, Virgin Islands, West Indies.

THIS lazy, sun-soaked island in the tropics has shot into the New York headlines as America's latest quickie divorce mill.

Christine Cromwell Aserson, the Dodge heiress, appreciated its facilities to such an extent that she divorced two husbands here.

Actress Bel Geddes, of the Broadway production The Moon Is Blue, also picked it.

Last year 350 marriages ended here and the lawyers who are reaping a nice little income from the trade talked hopefully about an average of 500 by 1955.

But today St Thomas, site as idle as a painted ship on the rocking blue Caribbean. Owners of twenty-eight restaurants and night clubs formerly packed with wives and other wives' husbands sinking their sorrows regardless of expense, complain that business has plummeted.

**UNCERTAIN FUTURE**

Because what kept things booming all the year, regardless of the seasonal winter tourists, were the divorces. And until next month nobody will know what the future of Virgin Islands divorces will be.

The trouble was they were just too easy. Complaints reached Congress. All dissatisfied spouses had to do was to spend six weeks swimming, lazing and night-clubbing around here, then pick one out of eight grounds on which to file a divorce petition.

The Virgin Islands Legislature responded to all doubts and queries last May by amending the law to make it quite clear that six weeks' residence was enough and that proof of six weeks' residence should be prima facie evidence of domicile.

Now the validity of that statute is being tested in the States. Unless Washington upholds it, the locals fear that their divorce boom may end.

Divorce business here cannot rival Reno and Las Vegas (Nevada scores 9,000 divorces yearly) or Florida, where the annual total is something like 10,000. But it is a source of income for the island—which was so unproductive that when the United States bought the three Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John from Denmark in 1917 for 25 million dollars, President Hoover said she had purchased "an effective poor house."

**ASSET: VISITORS**

It is still so unproductive that the tiny British Virgin Island of Tortola, three hours distant by motor-boat, supplies the native market with meat—or did until a recent plague of ticks caused the American authorities to bar Tortola's cattle.

But 300 visitors, staying a minimum of six weeks shopping and spending were an asset.

Before the divorce law was introduced at the end of the war there was not a night club in the place.

Although it is built up as a divorce mill, St. Thomas keeps itself pretty different from such brash vice traps as Las Vegas.

The Governor, Morris di Castro, has implacably resisted all attempts to legalize gambling. This summer the police invoked an old Danish law, "No one may appear in the public streets in dress which is against decency," thus barring bikinis and short shorts.

"Divorce" is simply listed in the official guide book as one of the advantages of the place sandwiched between "equable climate" and "good salt water fishing."

**FAREWELL CONGAS**

Said one woman who obtained a Virgin Islands divorce earlier this year: "It is a place where really nice people go for a divorce. Cases are heard privately in chambers, and coloured judges, like E. Moore, is so very dignified."

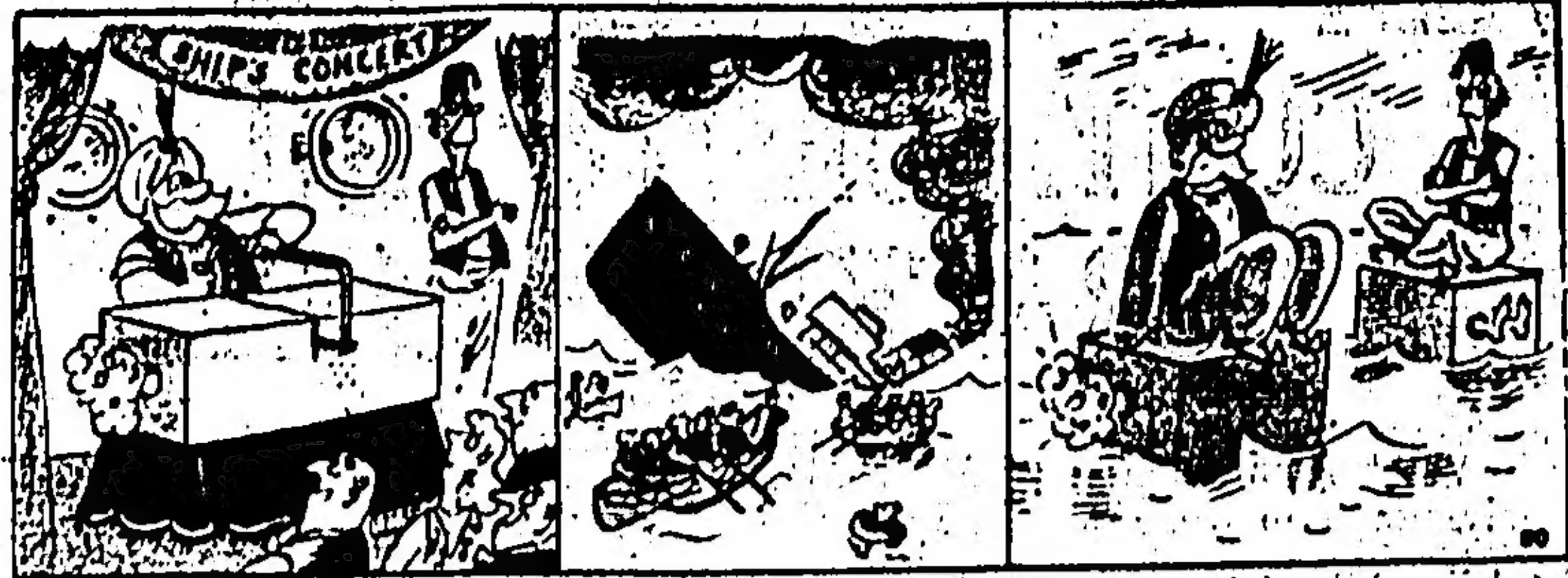
Other advantages are the relative cheapness (minimum legal fee is about \$270) and that this is one of three places in the U.S.A.—others being New Mexico and Alaska—where the vague term "incompatibility" is a divorce ground.

At the new Harry S. Truman airport opened last year, guests departing homeward (40 minutes' flight to San Juan, Puerto Rico, then six hours to New York) are regaled by congas played on sawn-off oil drums by six coloured boys with rhythm in their bones.

And, although simple hotels charge \$2 daily inclusive, it is comforting to buy cigarettes at 10¢ a packet, and Scotch at 17¢ 6d a bottle.



## Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN by Walter



## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Blame's All Yours In Play Like This

By OSWALD JACOBY

IF you force the defenders to find the correct line of defence, you have nobody to blame but yourself. The point is illustrated in today's hand.

West opened the king of hearts, and South won with the ace and king of spades. When South next led a low spade, West could see what was going on.

It was evident that South intended to take discard on dummy's high clubs.

Only one defence had any chance to succeed, so West adopted it. He ruffed the third spade with the ace of diamonds.

West could then cash one heart trick, and eventually his partner got a second trump trick to defeat the contract.

The hand was played in a Commercial League Team Match in New York, and at the other table Tom Curley, of the Bell Laboratories' Team, managed to make his contract of five diamonds against the same opening lead.

The difference was that Curley didn't make his intention clear and therefore didn't force the opponents to find the right defence.

After winning the first trick with the ace of hearts, Curley

cached the ace and king of spades. He had intended to take the ace of clubs next, but he changed his mind when West dropped the queen of spades.

Leaving the ace of clubs in his own hand, declarer led a low spade towards dummy. West saw no danger and no reason to ruff, so he merely discarded a low club. Dummy ruffed, and declarer returned to his hand in the most natural way with the ace of clubs.

When Curley now led another low spade, West still didn't see the danger. He discarded another club, and declarer was able to ruff again in dummy. Now he could cash the king of clubs to discard his losing heart.

The rest, of course, was quite easy.

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

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WHAT'S HIS LINE?  
A. N. FISHER  
GIDEONS

Re-arrange the letters to spell his profession.

(Solutions on page 10)

## YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

BORN today, you have an active and alert mind and since you use it all the time, you are not one to mind soliloquies. You can be happy as a lark, alone with a book. Yet there are times when you feel that there is something happening in which you are not interested. You must take at least one subject thoroughly so that you can become an authority in that field, rather than merely well-informed in several.

Learn to distinguish between that which is important in life—and in knowledge—and that which is non-essential. Once you have mastered this lesson, you can put your intellect to good use and reach the true success and even fame which your talents should warrant.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Use brains instead of brawn to solve your major problems today, and see how quickly they can be dissolved.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If there are unexpected objections to your plans, be diplomatic and you may circumvent them quite easily.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Don't take on more than you can handle. Tackle one job at a time—finish it and then begin another.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—You can't be impulsive today and expect success. Plan very carefully everything and all goes well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Think twice before committing yourself to an objective. Be sure you know all ramifications.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Embrace all that is new and today, so hang on to them and keep strict control. Be very careful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—Wind up the schedule of work which you had set as your goal for this week and then you can thoroughly enjoy the weekend.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—There are really good influences today and you can be caught in them, unless you are very careful, indeed.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 21)—Pay attention to public information. You may find that is very important to your future. Listen to advice.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A sunny day, if you are so inclined. Put a visit to someone you love and enjoy yourself thoroughly.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Don't oppose others just for the sake of being different. Sometimes you have better luck by showing cooperation.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 21)—Every-thing needs a grain of caution. Signs are at cross purposes today, you need a level head on your shoulders.

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## DIETING CAN BE MADE PLEASANT

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

THE Chef cocked his high bonnet. "Madame," said he, "I have created a food axiom: 'You can lead a person to a diet, but you can't make him follow it.' Ah, but you are laughing at these profound words!"

"Yes, because they are so true. Axiom aside, one of the reasons people won't follow a reducing diet is because the foods often taste unnecessarily grim. However, it is possible to have good seasoning with resultant good taste and still keep calories low. When foods taste good, the diet will usually be followed. Dis- solve the gelatin over hot water and stir into the cucumber.

Peel a large or 8 medium-sized tomatoes; hollow to make cups and fill with the cucumber mixture. Refrigerate until the gelatin is firm, from 2 to 4 hrs. Serve on lettuce; top with mayonnaise.

Beat-Celery Aspic Salad  
Add 1 envelope unflavoured gelatin to 1/2 c. cold water. Let stand 5 min. Stir in 1/2 c. boiling water. Add 3 tbs. vinegar, 3 tbs. sugar, 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, and 1 1/2 tsp. salt; refrigerate 30 min. When beginning to thicken, stir in 1 1/2 c. chopped cooked or tinned beets, 1/2 c. small-diced celery and 2 1/2 tbs. prepared horseradish.

Rinse an 8 x 8-in. pan with cold water. Spoon in the beet mixture. Refrigerate 3 hrs., or until firm. Cut in squares; serve on shredded lettuce with mayonnaise or cooked salad dressing. Makes 8 servings.

Brisket of Beef  
Choose a 4 to 5-lb. piece of beef brisket. Plunge it into rapidly boiling water to cover, containing 1 small bay leaf and 1 tsp. salt to the quart. Cover and simmer about 4 hrs., or until so tender it scarcely holds its shape. Drain, slice and serve hot with horseradish brown sauce. Or try it cold with horseradish sauce, cream sauce, and a dash of shredded lettuce and sweet pickles; or use hard-boiled eggs, onion slices and tarragon-French dressing.

Suggestion of the Chef  
Cook peeled young potatoes in beef bouillon; or use boiling water containing 1 beef cube to each cup.

## Household Hints

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# Cloistered Orders May Abandon Seclusion Rule

Rome, Sept. 16. Centuries of seclusion from the everyday world may be ending for the cloistered Orders of Italian nuns. The Mothers-General and Lady Abbesses of all Italian cloistered orders are meeting in Rome to discuss the impact of the 20th Century on their way of life, unchanged in many cases since the Middle Ages.

This is the first such congress ever to be held. And it is an indication that rigorous rules governing the lives of the women who have retired from the world are gradually being relaxed.

First indication came after the war when the Vatican caused a sensation by ordering members of enclosed Orders to come out of seclusion and cast their votes for the Christian Democrats and help defeat the Communists at the polls.

Purpose of the congress is to debate ways and means of overcoming the Orders' financial plight due mainly to the fact that daughters of noble and rich families no longer retire into the convents, bringing handsome dowries.

CHANGES NECESSARY? But it is possible the strict rules governing conventual life generally may also be discussed. Some religious circles in Rome feel that nuns in contemplative Orders should take up practical occupations such as nursing.

All they can do now to help keep their convents going is religious embroidery.

But this work does not bring enough money to prevent some convents from falling into serious disrepair, almost ruin.

To help them, meanwhile, the Vatican is to issue a special decree. But long-term radical policy changes may be necessary to keep the convents in existence. — London Express Service.

## WORK BEGINS ON WIND TUNNEL

Bedford, Sept. 16. Work has begun on a £1,250,000 wind tunnel to be capable of simulating speeds up to 1,000 miles an hour.

The tunnel, being built by the Aircraft Research Association, is expected to have halved the time now needed for designing and building aircraft prototypes. It is to be finished in the summer of 1955. — Reuters.

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# A Crack Crew For The Royal Yacht

Selection of the crew for the new Royal yacht, the Britannia, launched by the Queen at Clydebank, has now been practically completed.

Officers and ratings will join the yacht in increasing numbers, and she should be ready for trials before the end of the year.

Service in the royal yacht is regarded as a great privilege and the Britannia's complement has been chosen by Vice-Admiral E. M. C. Abel Smith, Flag Officer, Royal Yachts, from specially recommended volunteers.

There was no lack of applicants. Ratings selected should stay in the Royal Yacht service for the rest of their careers.

## 23 RATINGS

Fully commissioned, the Britannia will carry 22 officers and 223 ratings.

Her home port will be Portsmouth, where the present royal yacht, the 64-year-old Victoria

and Albert, is berthed off Whale Island.

The fate of the V. and A. is not yet known. She will probably have to give up her berth before the end of the year to the Britannia.

Both vessels are about the same size, approximately 5,000 tons displacement, but dredging will probably have to be done. Watertight bulkheads in the Britannia make her practically unsinkable, and her stabilising fins will cut rolling and, it is hoped, eliminate sea sickness.

She is to have intensive training in home waters, and is then expected to sail to the Mediterranean to bring the Queen and Prince Philip on the last stage of the return journey after their Commonwealth tour.

## First Time

Buenos Aires, Sept. 15. Aconcagua, highest peak in the Andes, has been conquered for the first time in winter—by an Argentine major and two sergeants.

Major Emiliano de la Huerta and his two companions reached the Peak of the 23,880-foot mountain on September 11, while a search was going on below them for the bodies of five soldiers lost in a blizzard while on skiing exercises.

Many lives have been lost in previous attempts to climb Aconcagua. — Reuters.

## Mrs Roosevelt Will "Cover" U.N.

United Nations, Sept. 16. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, unofficial "First Lady" of the United Nations from its start until last year, has returned to the world organisation as a newspaper woman.

She has been accredited as a correspondent for United Nations Service for whom she writes her daily newspaper column "My Day." — United Press.

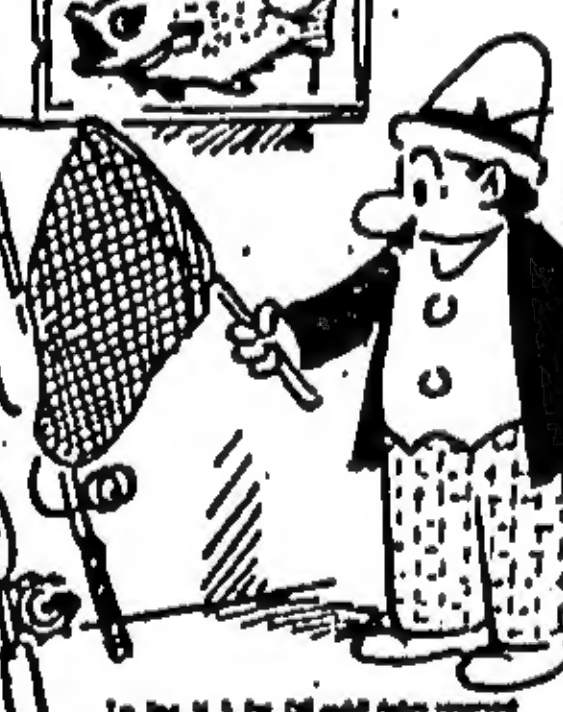
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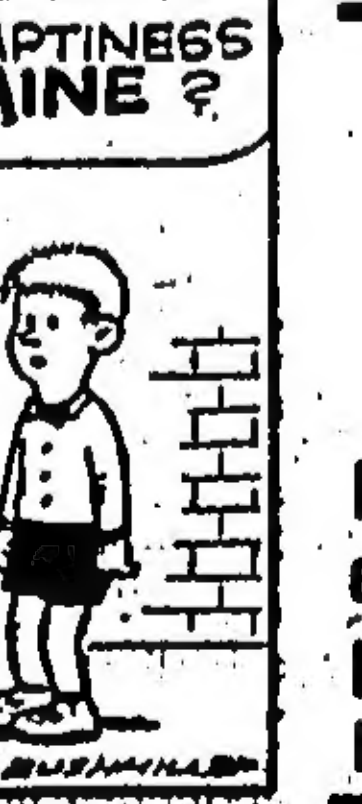
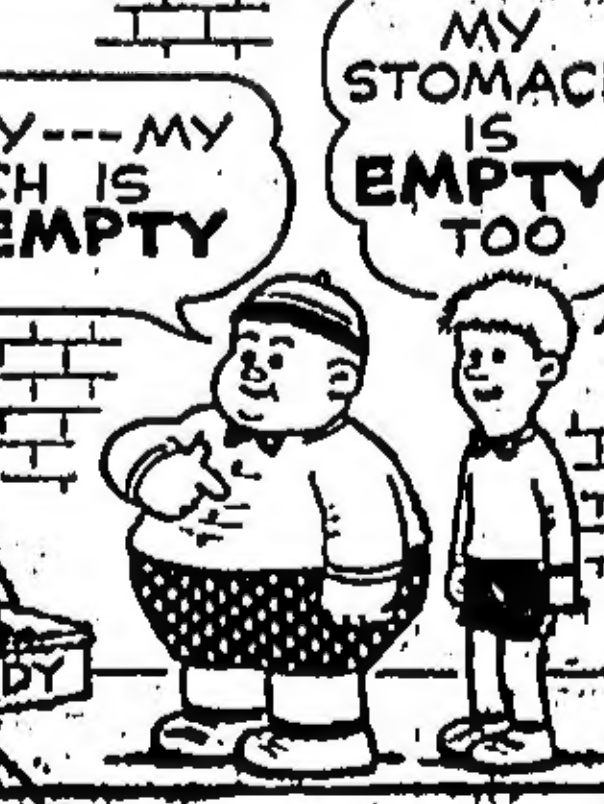
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# INVENTOR'S HEZZANITH CARMODY

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It will help to solve accurately and rapidly many navigation problems, he claims.

The study of navigation has been Dr Carmody's hobby since his boyhood days in the West Indies, where he often played truant to go sailing.

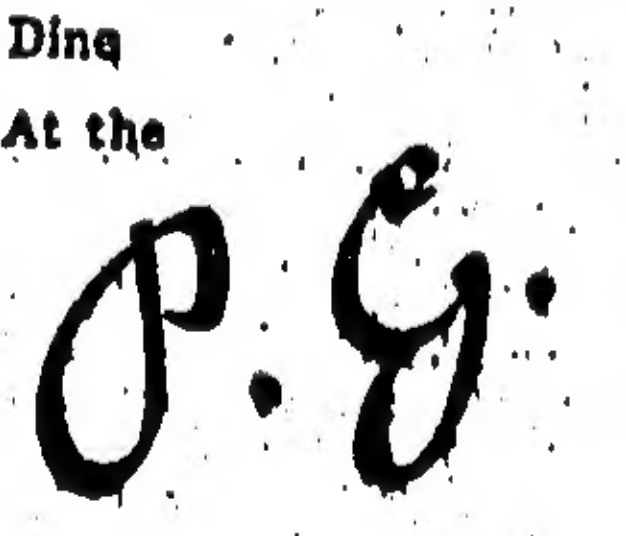
"A doctor," he says, "wants something to take his mind off his work."

To this end, he set himself the task of simplifying the trigonometrical calculations which enter into all the work of the sea navigator.

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Dr Carmody came to England to study at St Bart's Hospital, London.



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## N. Zealand Warship's Visit To Tokyo

Tokyo, Sept. 16. The Japanese Foreign Ministry announced today that the New Zealand warship Kanieri would visit Tokyo from September 24 to September 30.

The announcement said the ship's visit would be in commemoration of New Zealand Day (September 26) and "as an expression of friendship to Japan."

The Kanieri is now serving with the United Nations fleet in Korean waters. — Daily Special.







OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

# Everybody Delighted With Sir Arthur Fadden's Budget

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Sept. 15.  
Treasurer Sir Arthur Fadden certainly did us proud in his Federal Budget last week.

Tax cuts for everyone—Sales Tax down, company tax reduced, pensions up; it all added to the Springy feeling that has been in the air the last few days.

It will be the last Budget before the next Federal election and the Government looked to it to bring in the votes. Could do, too, but unfortunately for Sir Arthur, the elections are still the best part of a year away and voters' memories have always been short.

This session of Parliament, incidentally, is likely to be interrupted in a most unusual manner.

The Governor-General, Field Marshal Sir William Slim, caused somewhat of a stir in Canberra last week by beginning a move to have Parliament prorogued so that he may take part in a formal opening.

This session is actually a continuation of the one which was opened by the former Governor-General, Sir William McKell, after the double dissolution in 1951. If the session continued its normal course until Christmas there would be no opportunity for Sir William Slim to open Parliament—one of his most important ceremonial duties—until he had been in Australia for more than a year.

But it is known that the Field Marshal wished to participate in a formal opening within a reasonable time of taking office and made his wishes known to senior Ministers.

**A SHOCK**  
The wool industry got quite a shock when it learned how much it cost to produce last year's golden fleece.

Wool sold in New South Wales last season realised an average price of 85.76d lb—exceeded only in the 1950-51 season.

But the cost of producing it was 50.06d lb. This figure was given by a Rural Bank economist during a series of lectures to wool trade officials and came from statistics gathered by 15 Rural Bank valuers who investigated the cost of producing the clip.

The Rural Bank was founded by the NSW Government to help the man on the land. While it conducts general banking business in the city and main towns, the people outback look to it, perhaps, more than any other bank in the country.

Commenting on what he described as the "disturbing findings" of the valuers, wool manager of one of Sydney's biggest brokers, Mr. M. F. Brennan, said that the data had been collected during one of the most favourable growing seasons on record.

He said the figures demonstrated how a quick fall in the price of wool could make its production uneconomical in New South Wales.

"Governments and wool growers should make a close study of these alarming analyses of costs revealed by the Rural Bank valuers and find a way of pruning them severely while there is still time," he added.

**MASTER-FORGER**  
Police estimate that an elusive counterfeiter has been earning an average of £20 a week since September, 1951.

His 22nd forgery, in NSW was detected in a country town this week.

The character is making only £10 notes and bank officials admit that they are getting harder than ever to detect. They also say that he is making their job now a really tough one. Each tender has to be checked and rechecked which is slowing down their work considerably.

On the other hand, £20 a week isn't keeping him in any great luxury in his inflated economic way of life.

**OIL**  
Drilling for oil at Learmonth, 650 miles north of Perth, in some of Australia's wildest country, has started. The drilling project, already costing more than £1,500,000 in preliminary exploratory surveys and installations, is expected to absorb at least another million in the next 12 months.

The company carrying out this costly gamble is the Western Australian Petroleum Pty Ltd, which is jointly owned

by Californian Texas Corporation and Ampol Petroleum.

Mr. W. G. Walkley, managing director of Ampol, said: "We have a 25-1 chance of striking oil at Learmonth. Scientific exploration has taken us three years before we had a spot to drill. We are naturally hopeful of success, but it may take a long time and many bores if oil is there."

Mr. Walkley added that if indications were favourable, unlimited money would be available to continue the work.

The drilling team consists of 12 Americans and 10 Australians but there are 108 men on the field.

It is expected that drilling will go to 4000-ft before any evidence of oil, if present, becomes evident, and this will take several weeks working around the clock and seven days a week.

**MIGRANTS EVICTED**  
Among the British migrants evicted from a hostel this week for refusing to pay full tariff was Mr. H. Borchman, president of the British Migrants Welfare Association.

Mr. Borchman has made some pretty tough comments about these migrant camps, drawing a comparison between them and Belsen horror camp—but it couldn't have been too bad because he managed to put up with it since 1951.

All of which doesn't alter the fact that this unpleasant hostel business is completely damaging to Australia—but no one seems to care.

**"WHOLLY IMAGINARY"**  
Suggestions that Chinese were illegally entering New Guinea and that Chinese residents were being financed by Red China to acquire land were wholly imaginary, the Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck, declared today.

He said officials had never discovered the slightest evidence to support allegations that a big fleet of schooners and trading vessels were being used to smuggle in Chinese migrants.

He also said there was nothing to suggest that Chinese were financing their land transactions from any source except their own industry and thrift.

A number of ex-servicemen planters in New Guinea made the allegations at the week-end.

Mr. Hasluck said: "For many years there has been a Chinese community in New Guinea. With very few exceptions they are either Territory born or residents of long standing."

"They are well regarded and well conducted and make a notable contribution to the economic and social life of the community. The Australian Government confidently expects to have their support and loyalty and wants to give them a way of life which will command their hopes for the future."

Mr. Hasluck added that in the past year there had been no entry from Red China, the only emigrants from Asia coming from Hongkong.

**MUD-SLINGING**  
The Australian soprano, Miss Joan Hammond, said this week that the damaging mud-slinging of some Australian musical critics would kill young talent in this country.

She said these critics hid their ignorance behind a mass of words.

"So far as I am concerned I don't mind, because I think I am established," she said. "But think of what damage such ignorant criticism will do to youngsters coming on. There are young artists in Australia today afraid to show themselves in public for fear what critics might say about them."

The first stage of a huge reconstruction programme is near completion at Williamstown air station, near Newcastle, to enable it to handle, if necessary, the biggest bombers in the world. Already 6500-ft of specially strengthened runway has been completed.

## PI End Immigration 'Cold War'

Manila, Sept. 17.

The Immigration Bureau yesterday decided to end the four-month-old little cold war which it waged against transit British passengers in retaliation for alleged acts of port discourtesy suffered by Filipino travellers in Hongkong.

Immigration Commissioner Vicente de la Cruz said the move was spurred by encouraging reports he received showing that the Hongkong port authorities had already changed their attitude in connection with the reception of Filipinos passing through the Crown Colony.

One of the cold war barriers thrown by immigration men was the requirement strictly limiting the stay here of British citizens with transit visas to only 48 hours.

The war over import controls flared up following complaints aired by about a dozen Filipinos passing through Hongkong last summer. Many of them reported ill-treatment at the hands of British immigration officials. The charges were subsequently denied by the government in Hongkong.

Commissioner de la Cruz said he was lifting the restrictions in the absence of official reports from Philippine Consular officials who have been conducting an investigation into complaints against Hongkong's discourtesy.—France-Press.

## Prison For Brothel Keeper

A 40-year-old woman, Lo Hing, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. T. Creighton at Kowloon this morning when she pleaded guilty to keeping a brothel at 16 Cheung Lok Street, second floor.

Falling to pay the fine, the defendant was sentenced to a further three months.

The Police said they raided the defendant's premises on September 16 and found nine males and nine females inside the premises. There were four couples which were all fully occupied.

Ho Chai, 42, charged with permitting the house to be used as a brothel, was remanded seven days when she pleaded not guilty. She is the principal tenant of the house, and was allowed bail of \$1,000.

## Murder Charge: Further Remand

A further remand of two days was applied for by the Police when Law Shui-chung, 32-year-old earth cooler, appeared for the second time before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistrate's court this morning charged with the murder of Rev. Father Pater Ngai and John Baptist Chong at Holy Souls Church, Star Street, with others not in custody, on September 7.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I typed three letters today without a word wrong, but the boss didn't even grunt! How is a girl going to get recognition in this office?"

## Britain Wants Protective Duties To Be Raised

London, Sept. 16.

Britain will seek approval to raise protective duties on a limited range of goods, chiefly agricultural, from non-Commonwealth countries before members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at its eight-week session in Geneva starting tomorrow, authoritative sources said today.

The sources said Britain wanted a go-ahead signal from GATT to raise tariffs against certain foreign goods and to continue at the same time duty-free entry for those same goods from Commonwealth sources.

Britain's new plan in effect would run counter to a GATT negotiation on blocs in 1947 and therefore she needs a formal waiver by GATT. There is no British plan to ask for a general release from the "no new protective duties" rule of GATT.

This was agreed by a majority decision of the Commonwealth conference in December last year in London against earlier British suggestions. Britain will abide by this majority decision despite recent support from Australia for greater freedom of action in regard to Empire preferences and GATT restrictions generally.

**PROMISE SUPPORT**  
Britain has, however, the approval of the Commonwealth countries to seek limited concessions from GATT. They have undertaken to support Britain in moves which might enable her, consistently with basic provision of GATT, to confine the duty-free entry for Commonwealth goods notwithstanding any increases that might arise from time to time become necessary in duties designed to protect domestic industry and agriculture in the United Kingdom.

The British view is that, in seeking permission to raise such duties, she is contemplating this only for tariffs "not reduced or bound in earlier negotiations with other members of the GATT." But nominally this would create new preferences if, as planned, the increase of tariffs is to apply only to commodities imported from countries outside the Commonwealth.

Britain claims, however, that in requesting this she does not intend to divert trade from non-Commonwealth to Commonwealth sources. Among these affected would be European countries supplying agricultural products, including the Netherlands, France, Denmark and Italy and several overseas suppliers.

Under present arrangements a large number of Commonwealth goods can be imported into Britain duty free. The existing preferential arrangements are recognised by GATT but they are not to be increased under the terms of the agreement.

Observers here indicated that Britain may try to make this suggestion more palatable by holding out hopes that an increase in import duties would

help to supplant the system of quotas which now hampers trade.

Some observers also point to concessions granted to the Schuman Plan steel and coal pacts, which obtained a virtual waiver from GATT recently for a system considered here as a preferential arrangement for the trade in coal and steel among its members.—United Press.

## UN To Debate Prisoners

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Whether or not to hold a general conference to review the Charter. Before this, they should have a clear picture of the implications of revision and should have all the information they need to deal with it in an informed way.

Dr. Hilmy Baghat Badawi, of Egypt, said it was necessary to gather documents and ascertain views and set up some kind of a scheme for the conference. The Egyptian proposal was for a technical committee which, without delving into the political aspects of revision, would facilitate the task of the 1955 conference.

"Either we do nothing until 1955 and then the conference convenes without any preparatory work, or else we prepare for that conference," Dr. Badawi said.—Reuter.

**DEATH OF MR STARBUCK**  
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appointed professional assistant of the Royal Observatory here. He first arrived in Hongkong in 1936.

During the Pacific War, Mr Starbuck spent the years from 1941 to 1945 as a prisoner-of-war in Shamshuipo Camp. He returned to Hongkong in 1946 after recuperation leave and the following year was promoted to Assistant Director of the Royal Observatory. He has acted as Director on more than one occasion since then.

Upon receipt of the news of Mr Starbuck's death, flags at the Royal Observatory and the European YMCA were flown to day at half-mast.

## Case Against Insp. Ross Dismissed

The case against Inspector T. Ross of the Hongkong Police, charged with careless driving, was this morning dismissed before Mr Thomas Tam in Central Court.

Ross, on the night of July 24, at Causeway Bay Road, collided with and injured some of a party of coolies engaged in cleaning out the east-bound tram-tracks.

A Chinese Policeman who was first on the scene of the accident, which happened on the night of July 24 of this year at Causeway Bay Road when, Ross driving East along the road, is alleged to have hit and injured some of a party of coolies working on the tram-tracks, gave evidence that he had passed a party of coolies on motorcycle patrol duty before the accident.

He was going East. He saw the red light which the coolies had over their dust-borrow and also the coolies themselves. He passed to the left of the working party. He had made a U-turn at Tong Sul street, and returned along the way he had come. He had seen a car in the middle of road just after he passed the Naval Football ground, and after parking his cycle, went over to investigate.

He saw a European carrying someone to the side of the road. He took the licence of the driver of the car and marked the position of the car's wheels with white marks. He observed skid marks and blood on the road. The lamp this time, which he had seen lit the first time, was unlit and was lying on the road. Then SI Collins had appeared on the scene and he had shown him the marks and positions. He said that while he was riding his cycle, he could only see 20 yards ahead of him, although the visibility was good.

Cross-examined by Mr P. Griffiths, for the defence, he said that the light had drawn his attention to the cart, which was of a dark colour.

Mr Griffiths at this point said that if, as the defence believed, the light had been blanketed from Ross' view, he would have had difficulty in discerning the cart and the coolies.

**SEID MARKS**

SI Collins testified that he had been sent on to the scene of the accident and had measured the skid marks. These were 49 feet long. There was only slight damage to the car. Visibility and lighting were good.

Questioned by Mr Griffiths, he said that "as a traffic man," he would say that any lights before an obstruction should be on the right side. He agreed with Mr Griffiths that a light was an invitation to pass to the right, but added that if there was an obstruction on the right cars should pass to the left.

SI Wells, Police car tester, said that he had arrived after Collins and tested Ross' car. The brakes had been good and he had been able to stop in 35 feet when he was going at 30 m.p.h.

He agreed that on the tram tracks, upon which Ross had been travelling there would be less friction to brake a car and also agreed that there would be a short time hiatus before Ross would have been able to apply his brakes.

At this point the Prosecution closed their case.

Mr Griffiths submitted that there was no case for the defence to answer. It seemed a generally mistaken impression, he said, that when a car hit something the driver was almost automatically guilty of careless driving. The evidence had shown otherwise: that Mrs Newbury, who had been with Ross had seen no light, and that the light, even if it was on the wrong side, that the man in charge of the barrow had at one point stepped in front of the light.

That the tramway people had shown evidence of uncertainty that their precautions had been fully adequate by making changes in lighting and by making their coolies wear white coats. The evidence of the Constable on the motor cycle had shown that he had only seen the cart because of the light at that time; if this light had been covered he would not have seen it.

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## PI Scout Chief In Hongkong

Jorge B. Vargas, President of the Philippine Boy Scouts, arrived here this morning by Pan American Airways from Japan en route to the Philippines after attending the Boy Scout International Conference in Europe.

Mr Vargas, who is also President of the Asian Games Federation, was met at the airport by a guard of honour of scouts belonging to the 11th Kowloon Group, Wah Yan College. Also present were Mr D. W. Luke, Colony Commissioner, Mr J. A. Hudson, Organising Commissioner, and Mr J. Silvey.

Mr Vargas said that one of his purposes in visiting Japan and Hongkong was to discuss the possibilities of inviting the Japanese and Hongkong amateur athletic associations to participate in the Asian Games to be held in the Philippines in May next year.

He also came here to invite scout delegates from the Colony to attend the Far East Scout Jamboree in Manila in April 1954.

About the conference in Europe, he said that there were delegates from 36 nations who attended the discussions. Among the subjects discussed was the meeting place for the next world Jamboree, Canada being finally selected as host-nation in 1957.

Mr Vargas said there were 150,000 boy scouts in the Philippines, and 50,000 girl guides. He stressed the need for promotion of friendship and greater contacts among boy scouts in Asia.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of postage shown below are those for use by registered correspondents posted at C.P.A., Hongkong. The latest postage rates are shown in general, are earlier than the U.K. rates, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest postage times for registered articles are generally shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.  
C.P.A., Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 8 p.m. C.P.A., S.A., N.W.A., 6 p.m. H.K.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 2 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m. 10 p.m. 12 p.m.

By Air

Slam, Burma, 6 p.m. via T.A.C.  
India, Ceylon, 6 p.m. via T.A.C.  
West Africa, 11 a.m. Air France.  
Formosa, Japan, Korea, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m. via T.A.C.  
India-China, France, French North and West Africa, 6 p.m. Air Vietnam.  
Ghana, 6 p.m. via T.A.C.  
Siam, 6 p.m. via T.A.C.  
B.O.A.C., 6 p.m. via T.A.C.  
Formosa, Japan, 6 p.m. T.A.C.

## Practising For Fly-Past

Squadrons of planes from the Royal Air Force soared through the skies this morning practising for their fly-past parade on Saturday to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

On Saturday morning Spitfires, Hurricanes and Vampires in groups of four will carry out the fly-past. They will pass over Government House at 10 a.m.

A parade will also take place beginning at the West Gate of the Royal Naval Dockyard on Sunday when the Governor will take the salute.

## Death Of Mr Harold Old

Mr Harold Old, former Senior Health Inspector of the Sanitary Department, passed away in his sleep at Yee Yee, Monmouthshire, England last Friday. It was learned today that he was 49 years of age.

The late Mr Old, who was 49 years of age, joined the Sanitary Department in February, 1932 and was promoted to his last post in November, 1952. He was involved in a motor accident on June 18, 1952, which resulted in the death of his wife, Mrs. Old, and a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Old, who are in Hongkong.